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REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. Claims 1-18 were pending at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1-5 and 10-14 were rejected, Claim 3 was objected to because of an informality, and Claims 6-9 and 15-18 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, but objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

In the present Amendment, Applicants have either rewritten objected claims in independent form, cancelled rejected claims without prejudice, rewritten rejected claims to incorporate the limitation of allowed claims, or changed the dependencies of the rejected claims so that they now depend from the allowed claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit all claims remaining in the application are now allowable.

In particular, Claims 3, 6, 12, and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice; Claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations from Claims 1, 3, 5, and 6; Claim 10 has been amended to include all limitations from Claims 10, 12, 14, and 15; Claims 4, 5, and 7 have been amended to depend from Claim 1; Claims 13, 14, and 16 have been amended to depend from Claim 10. It should be noted, however, Applicants intend no change in the scope of the claims by the changes made by these amendments and these amendments are not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability of the claims, but have been made merely to expedite prosecution.

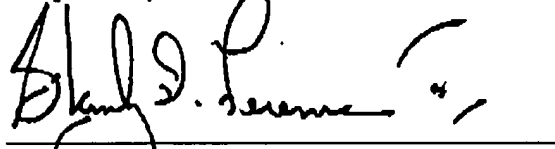
With respect to the Claim objection pertaining to Cancelled Claim 3, the informality objected to language (the usage of the word "Muxes") has been removed by

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replacing the term "muxes" with "multiplexers". As such, it is believed this objection has been obviated.

In light of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16-18, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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